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Dear AES Participant:

Effective May 1, 2002, the United States Customs Service will begin enforcing the requirement of properly reporting the exemption statement legend for shipments reported electronically through AES. Shipments may be detained for External Transaction Numbers (XTNs) not found in AES in a timely manner or if not clear, concise, or in the proper format.

The USPPI or their authorized forwarding agent is responsible for annotating the proper exemption statement on the first page of the bill of lading, airway bill, or other commercial loading document for presentation to the carrier, either on paper or electronically prior to export. The exemption legend will identify to the carrier at time of loading, and the Customs Port Director at the time of exportation, that the shipment information has been transmitted electronically using AES. The exemption legend will include the statement "NO SED REQUIRED-AES" followed by the filer's identification number and unique shipment reference number (External Transaction Number -- XTN) or the AES returned confirmation number (Internal Transaction Number -- ITN). Exemption statements for Option 2 and Option 3 fillers are formatted the same. For USPPI's who have been approved to participate in Filing Option 4, the exemption statement, "NO SED REQUIRED-AES OPT4" should include the USPPI's identification number and the filer's identification number if other than the USPPI.

For further information on exemption statements and examples, please review FTSR Letter No. 168 (Amendment 1) on the Foreign Trade Division website at <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/regulations/index.html>

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